

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in view of the present Preliminary Amendment and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-40 are pending. The present Preliminary Amendment amends Claims 28 and 30 to be in independent form and amends Claims 22-27 to depend from independent Claim 28. Accordingly, support for the present amendment is deemed to be evident from the original specification including the original claims.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 5, 2009, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group II, drawn to a distribution duct and method for manufacturing a distribution duct. The Restriction Requirement indicated that Claims 28-36 are drawn to the elected invention. However, as Claims 22-27 are hereby amended to recite a distribution duct and to depend on Claim 28, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 22-27 are also drawn to the elected invention. Applicant makes this election based on the understanding that Applicant is not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, an early and favorable consideration of Claims 22-36 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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